False cases against employees of PGI, Chandigarh

†*306. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Post-Graduate Institute (PGI), Chandigarh has filed false cases against PGI Employees Union during the past few years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that in this regard Government have also intervened to stop ongoing illegal action being taken by PGI administration and requested to restore the services of the employees; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) The Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh Administration has not filed any case against any member of the PGI Employees Union. The PGI authorities took only administrative action under Rule 14 of Central Civil Service (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965 against the twelve employees for their misconduct. On the charges of misconduct against the said twelve employees an inquiry was conducted by a retired sessions judge. The charges were proved by the Inquiry Officer. Orders imposing appropriate penalty on eleven out of twelve officials have been issued by the Disciplinary Authority, but the same have not been given effect to. However, suspension orders of all these employees have been revoked and they have since joined duty.

Results of poverty alleviation schemes

*307. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether inspite of huge funding annually the poverty alleviation schemes have not shown any fruitful results;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action proposed to bring more people from below poverty line to above poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has been implementing through the State Governments/

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UTs, a Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Prógramme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), with effect from 01.12.1997 with a view to providing gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employment poor through (i) encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and (ii) provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and States. There is a total unspent balance amounting to about Rs. 556 crores, both Central and State funds taken together, from out of the erstwhile urban poverty alleviation schemes subsumed in SJSRY with effect from 01.12.1997. Further Central funds worth Rs. 461 crores have been released to the States/UTs under SJSRY till 31st March, 2001. Based on reports received from the State Governments/ UTs till 30th June, 2001, urban poor numbering about 3.44 lakhs have been assisted through setting up of micro-enterprises, 3.07 lakhs received training and 379.33 lakhs mandays of work have also been generated with the utilisation of funds amounting to Rs. 718 crores (approximately). It may not thus be correct to say that the SJSRY has not shown any fruitful result.

(b) Some of the reasons identified as bottlenecks are: (i) There has been inadequate financial cooperation from Banks in sanctioning the loans to prospective beneficiaries; and (ii) the States/UTs needed some time to conduct detailed surveys for identifying target groups. Although the utilisation of funds under SJSRY had initially been relatively low, it has since picked up momentum due to vigorous monitoring of the scheme at Central level.

(c) The States/UTs are pursued from time to time for more effective implementation of the SJSRY by utilising unspent balances with them. In addition, close monitoring is done at the Central level for better results.

Appointment of news editors in AIR

*308. SHRI ANIL SHARMA:
SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casual news readers/translators and casual news editors empanelled after written and audition test in the Hindi Unit of NSD in AIR as on date, category-wise;